

APPENDIX 1

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Shiresmill Therapy Riding Centre
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC028672
Charity's principal address	Shiresmill By Blairhall Dunfermline
	Postcode KY11 4LL

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lisa Cairns	Chair		
2	Lynda Milne	Secretary		
3	Jane Connor	Treasurer		
4	Alison McKilligan			
5	Jade Shiel			
6	Mia McGowan			
7	Claire Lambie			
8	Rose Norton		1/4/25 – 18/5/25	
9	Mary Michie		1/4/25 – 18/5/25	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

We have a SCIO Constitution of Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving (RDA)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Our Trustees are recruited from our volunteers who have been involved with the Group for some time, or specific people with specialist skills required by the Group. All are elected by the Members at our AGM or, if necessary, an EGM with the approval of the Trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

We are a member group of Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) Each year, as one of over 45+ groups, we support over 39,000 disabled children and adults through activities including riding, carriage driving, and equine assisted programmes such as Quiet Corners and Tea with a Pony. We are pioneers in the therapeutic use of horses, leaders in disability sport, and the only major UK charity focused specifically on the health and wellbeing benefits of bringing people and horses together.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We offer a non-judgemental, inclusive environment where individuals with disabilities, learning difficulties and mental health conditions can flourish. Participating in both ridden and ground work sessions. We also invite residents from local care homes to come along to our 'Tea with a Pony' sessions. Our ridden sessions provide rehabilitation of both the mind and the body. They help improve balance, coordination, muscle control and posture. In addition, decision making, communication and social skills are all improved.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

From April 2025 until 31 March 2026 we recruited 20 additional volunteers.

We delivered 838 participants sessions across the year through a mixture of ridden and groundwork sessions, as well Summer pony clinics, and an annual dressage competition and countryside challenge.

Along with our 7 coaches we have several coaches in training and five activity leaders who are able to take static sessions when a coach is not available.

In November 2025 we set up a dedicated Events and Fundraising team. This team is proving to be very successful with their events and campaigns.

One of our coaches has been successful in gaining her Diploma in Equine Facilitated Learning. This will enable her to organise special sessions for participants during the school holidays.

We engaged with schools taking part in the YPI (Youth and Philanthropy Initiative). We had several groups from Woodmill High School choose us their YPI project. Unfortunately, although none of them were successful in getting through to the final stages it was wonderful to see how they engaged with our charity and showed great interest in what we do.

We were invited by several local groups e.g. Probus Club and Rotary Club of West Fife to give a talk on the work our charity. These talks enable us to promote our charity and to explain more about how we can hence the lives of our participants

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In line with RDA's recommendation, our aim is to always have sufficient reserves to cover one year's running costs. We also plan and engage in a range of fundraising activities throughout the year such as a Bingo night, Easter Rock Hunt, Pony Sponsorship day a dog show, a dressage competition. We hold an Annual Fun Day and a Christmas Fayre. We also have funds which are 'ring fenced' for specific projects e.g. a new cabin, additional ponies, and training.

Details of any deficit

The Trustees meet every 6 weeks and the Treasurer provides information on the Group's financial position at every Trustees meeting.

We have no deficit.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

All our volunteers give freely of their time to assist our participants, ensure the wellbeing of our horses and ponies and carry out a huge range of maintenance work at our centre. We have also had external volunteers from various companies coming to help with maintenance chores as part of their Day in the Community initiative. We have a spread of expertise in horse management, coaching, administration, accounting and fundraising.

Other optional information

Summary Treasurers Report for Trustees**Funds**

Balance of Funds on 31st March 2026 was £42,528. Of this, £44,258 was the balance in the current account and £270 for cash in hand. **Cash Funds** – cash and bank down £2,100 (2026 £44,528 and 2025 £42,428).

The Balance of Funds was split between restricted ring-fenced funds for projects of £21,403 and the balance for running costs of £23,125.

The Balance of Restricted Funds has increased from £19,936 at the start of the financial year to £21,403 at 31st March 2026. The most notable donations were £3,943 Field Shelter offset by expenditure of £1,946 new pony

The Income for the year at £38,290 was £1,565 lower than prior year.
The expenditure for the year at £36,190 was £10,850 lower than prior year.
Overall, the movement was £2,101 net surplus for the year.

The notable variances from prior year are as follows:

Income:

Specific Donations down by £5,665 largely due to (McDonalds) £5,000 donation in prior year

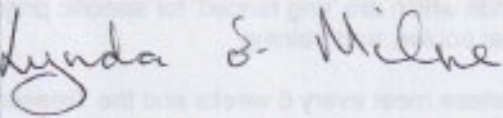
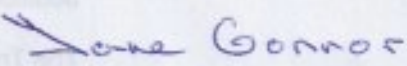
General Donations increased by £1,495 mainly due (Corra Foundation) £3,000 and Gift Aid down by £770 on prior year

Fundraising increased by £5,657 mainly due Fun Day £1,736, Feed a Pony campaign £1,139, Pony Sponsorship £1,009, Bingo Night £997

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures		
Full name(s)	LYNDA ELIZABETH MILNE	JANE ROBERTSON CONNOR
Position (e.g. Chair)	TRUSTEE & SECRETARY	TRUSTEE & TREASURER
Date	12/7/26	12/07/26